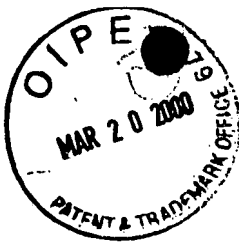


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Gimpel et al.) Group Art Unit 2837
Appl. No. : 09/199,747)
Filed : November 25, 1998)
For : COMPENSATED NUT FOR A)
STRINGED INSTRUMENT)
Examiner : Lockett, K.)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 1999, please consider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 10, line 18, please replace ".660" with --.066--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A compensated nut for a stringed instrument, the stringed instrument having one or more strings, a body and a neck, the nut comprising:

an elongated body having a length sufficient to extend across at least a portion of the neck of the stringed instrument; and

one or more fixed intonation portions on a [the] front side of the elongated body, the intonation portions having different dimensions according to the desired pitch compensation for each string.

11. (Amended) The compensated nut of Claim 1, wherein the intonation portions comprise a plurality of [outwardly extending] projections that extend outwardly from the nut.

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